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THE HEALTH OF STEVENAGE

1972



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P R E F A C E

Public Health Department,
Southgate House,
STEVENAGE.

To the Chairman and Members of the Stevenage Urban District Council
MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year 1972.

The population again increased but again was due mainly to migration into the town rather than the increase in births. However, the birth rate was slightly higher than the previous year. No maternal deaths occurred.

The number of deaths of children under the age of one year decreased and was less than the remainder of England and Wales. The number of illegitimate births dropped slightly.

The total number of deaths from all causes was slightly higher than in 1971, the commonest cause of death remaining disease of the heart and blood vessels. The highest number of deaths was still in the over 75 age group.

No serious outbreaks of epidemic disease occurred and the state of the public health in Stevenage remains satisfactory.

I would like to express my thanks to all the public health and health welfare staff in Stevenage, including those concerned with administration, for their help and co-operation during the year.

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

J. D. HALL

Medical Officer of Health

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SECTION "A"

NATURAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

(a) General Statistics

Area (in acres)	6,256
Registrar General's estimate of Resident Population mid-1972	69,590
Number of inhabited houses at 1.4.72	21,737
Rateable Value at 1.4.72	£4,779,092
Net Product at 1p. rate - estimated new penny rate 1972.	£47,200

(b) Physical

The Registrar General's estimate of resident population for mid 1972 revealed an overall increase of 1,970. The natural increase of population, i.e. the excess of births over deaths for the whole year was 700.

STEVENAGE VITAL STATISTICS 1972

LIVE BIRTHS:	Males	Females	Total
Total	550	568	1,118
Legitimate	505	530	1,035
Illegitimate	45	38	83
Live Birth Rate (uncorrected) per 1,000 population	-	-	16.1
Live Birth Rate (corrected) per 1,000 population	-	-	14.3
Illegitimate live birth percentage of total live births	-	-	7.0
STILL BIRTHS:			
Total	7	7	14
Rate per 1,000 live and still births	-	-	12
Total live and still births	557	575	1,132
DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE:			
Total	11	7	18
Legitimate	11	6	17
Illegitimate	-	1	1
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births-	-	-	16.0
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	-	-	16.0
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	-	-	12.0
Neo-Natal mortality rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	-	-	9.0
Early Neo-Natal mortality rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)-	-	-	7.0
Perinatal mortality rate (still-births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still-births)	-	-	19.0
MATERNAL MORTALITY, INCLUDING ABORTION			
Number of deaths	-	-	-
Rate per 1,000 total live and still-births	-	-	-
TOTAL DEATHS	219	199	418
Death Rate (uncorrected)	-	-	6.0
Death Rate (corrected)	-	-	11.8
Natural increase of population	-	-	700
Overall increase of population	-	-	1,970

CAUSES OF DEATH 1972

Cause of Death	Males	Females	Total
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	-	2	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity etc.	2	1	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	-	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	5	3	8
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	8	7	15
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	17	6	23
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	12	12
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	5	5
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	2	-	2
Leukaemia	2	1	3
Other Malignant Neoplasms	9	14	23
Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	-	1	1
Diabetes Mellitus	1	7	8
Other Endocrine etc. Diseases	2	-	2
Anaemias	-	1	1
Mental Disorders	1	1	2
Meningitis	1	-	1
Other Diseases of Nervous System	2	2	4
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	2	1	3
Hypertensive Disease	3	3	6
Ischaemic Heart Disease	71	38	109
Other Forms of Heart Disease	9	6	15
Cerebrovascular Disease	15	29	44
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	4	6	10
Influenza	-	2	2
Pneumonia	18	9	27
Bronchitis and Emphysema	15	7	22
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	2	2	4
Peptic Ulcer	2	1	3
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	-	1	1
Cirrhosis of Liver	-	1	1
Other Diseases of Digestive System	3	3	6
Nephritis and Nephrosis	3	-	3
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	-	2	2
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	1	1	2
Congenital Anomalies	4	3	7
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	2	2	4
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	2	-	2
Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions	1	4	5
Motor Vehicle Accidents	4	2	6
All other Accidents	3	10	13
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	1	1	2
All other External Causes	2	1	3
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	219	199	418

DEATHS IN AGE GROUPS

	Males	Females	Total
Under 1 year	11	7	18
1 - 4 years	1	3	4
5 - 14 years	1	3	4
15 - 24 years	4	3	7
25 - 34 years	3	4	7
35 - 44 years	12	4	16
45 - 54 years	25	23	48
55 - 64 years	44	23	67
65 - 74 years	58	60	118
75 years and over	60	69	129
Totals:	219	199	418

POPULATION STATISTICS

District
1972
Stevenage
U.D.C.

North
Hertford
shire
Division

Hertford
shire

England
and
Wales

Population	69,590	171,490	940,630	49,028,900
Live Births (Crude)	16.1	15.4	14.3	14.8
Live Births (Corrected)	14.3		14.0	14.8
Death Rate - All causes, crude	6.0	8.5	9.5	12.1
Death Rate - All causes, corrected	11.8		10.5	12.1
Infective & Parasitic Diseases - excluding Tuberculosis, but including Syphilis and other V.D.	0.02	0.01	*	*
Tuberculosis: Respiratory	0.00	0.00	0.01	*
Other forms	0.00	0.00		
Cancer: Lung and Bronchs.	0.33	0.50		
Other	1.03	1.30		*
Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System	0.63	1.20	1.33	*
Heart and Circulatory Diseases	2.05	2.88	2.80	*
Respiratory Diseases	0.79	1.10	1.43	-
Maternal Mortality	0.00	0.00	-	-
Infantile Mortality	16.0	16.9	13.4	17.0
Neo-Natal Mortality	9.0	11.7	9.1	12.0
Early Neo-Natal Mortality	7.0	10.5	8.0	10.0
Perinatal Mortality	19.0	22.7	19.6	22.0
Still-Births	12.0	12.3	11.8	12.0

SECTION 'B'

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN STEVENAGE

LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY SERVICES

Care of Mothers and Young Children - Section 22 - Stevenage

Ante-Natal Booking Clinics

ATTENDANCES:

	No. of patients who attended <u>1972</u>	No. of Attendances <u>1972</u>
Stevenage G.P. Surgeries	606	4,944

Ante-Natal Instruction Classes

<u>Clinic</u>	<u>No. of Attendances 1972</u>
Stevenage	327

Family Planning

The policy of the County Council in regard to family planning is the utilization of the Family Planning Association as the principal agency in the provision of these services. The Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire Branch Organising Secretary is Mrs. K. Arger, who has kindly provided the figures for this report.

Sessions:

Hitchin - Divisional Health Office, Bedford Road.	-	Tuesday afternoon Wednesday evening Thursday morning
Letchworth - Health Centre Nevells Road.	-	Monday evening
Stevenage Trotts Hill Clinic	-	Monday morning Tuesday afternoon Friday morning
Peartree Health Annexe	-	Wednesday morning
Lodge Farm Health Annexe	-	Thursday morning
County Health Centre, Southgate	-	Thursday evening

1972

	No. of New Patients	Total No. of Attendances
HITCHIN	347	3,568
LETCHWORTH	190	1,700
STEVENAGE	759	6,640

Infant Welfare Clinics

County Health Centre, Southgate, Stevenage	Alternate Mondays 2-4 p.m.	Dr. Cowen
	Alternate Mondays 2-4 p.m.	Health Visitor
	Tuesday 9 a.m. - 12 noon	Health Visitor
	Alternate Thursdays 2-4 p.m.	Dr. Woodthorpe
	Alternate Thursdays 2-4 p.m.	Health Visitor
	Friday 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.	Health Visitor
Infant Welfare Centre, "Glencoe", Julians Rd., Stevenage.	Tuesday 2-4 p.m.	Dr. K.P. Bayles
	Friday 2-4 p.m.	Health Visitor
Lodge Farm Health Annexe, Mobbsbury Way, Stevenage	Alternate Mondays 2-4 p.m.	Dr. Davies
	Alternate Mondays 2-4 p.m.	Health Visitor
	Alternate Wednesdays 2-4 p.m.	Health Visitor
	Alternate Thursdays 2-4 p.m.	Dr. Woodthorpe
	Alternate Thursdays 2-4 p.m.	Health Visitor
Peartree Health Annexe off Hydean Way, Stevenage	Tuesdays 2-4 p.m.	Dr. Cowen
Infant Welfare Centre, St. Peter's Church Hall, Broadwater, Stevenage	Mondays 2-4 p.m.	Health Visitor
	Fridays 2-4 p.m.	Dr. K.P. Bayles
Trotts Hill Clinic, Wisden Road, Stevenage	Alternate Wednesdays 2-4 p.m.	Dr. Whalley
	Alternate Thursdays 2-4 p.m.	Dr. Whalley

Clinic	Children Born in 1972	Children Born in 1971	Children Born in 1967-70	No. of Attendances
Stevenage	1,332	590	591 Y	12,455

CHILD HEALTH ASSESSMENT UNIT

Children born in	1972	1971	1970	1969	1968 and over
Stevenage	5	16	23	36	133

Premature Infants

A premature infant is one which weighs $5\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. or less at birth.

PREMATURE INFANTS BORN IN 1972 STEVENAGE

Born Alive			Still-births			Number removed to Hosp after birth	Died under 28 days			No. who survived 28 days			
District	At Home	In Hosp	Total	At Home	In Hosp		Total	At Home	In Hosp	Total	Born at Home	Born in Hosp	Total
Stevenage	3	68	71	-	13	13	-	1	3	4	2	65	67

MIDWIFERY - SECTION 23

DOMICILIARY MIDWIFERY - STEVENAGE

1972

Ante-Natal visits to Expectant Mothers	3,007
Home Condition Reports for Hospitals	369
Ante-Natal Session - General Practitioner	593
Deliveries - Home	361
Deliveries - Hospital	890
Total - Live and Stillbirths	1079
Early Hospital Discharge - 48 hours	188

HEALTH VISITING - SECTION 24 - STEVENAGE

Health Visiting

Child Welfare	Visits	29,390
Aged	Visits	2,632
Others	Visits	2,384
School Inspections	Sessions	1,385
Maternity & Child Welfare	Sessions	1,020

HOME NURSING - SECTION 25 - STEVENAGE

The following are statistics relating to the work of the home nurses in 1972. It will be seen that they made 25,759 visits to 966 patients.

HOME NURSING

Classification	No. of cases attended	No. of visits made
Medical	652	21,232
Surgical	271	4,309
Tuberculosis	3	37
Others	40	181
TOTALS	966	25,759

AMBULANCE SERVICE - SECTION 27 - NORTH HERTS

Number of patients conveyed	69,081
Number of Journeys	30,853
Total Mileage	458,555

Details of Journeys

Accidents	1,601
Sudden Illness	784
Removals	65,953
Maternity	743

The divisional area is served by the County Ambulance Station at St. George's Way, Stevenage. The Area Supervisor is Mr. J. Sweetman who has kindly supplied the above statistics.

PREVENTION OF ILLNESS: CARE AND AFTER-CARE - SECTION 28

The Medical Loan Service continues to be delegated to the British Red Cross Society and St. John's Ambulance and these organisations play a large part in providing equipment and aids to the ill and handicapped at home. For this voluntary service I should like to express my thanks.

CHEST CLINIC

Health Visiting:

Tuberculosis Households - Visits	264
B.C.G. Follow-up - Visits	46
Contacts - Visits	120
Non-Tuberculosis - Visits	140
New Cases	17
Contacts of New Cases	79
Heaf Negative	56

The incidence of tuberculosis continued at a low level in this area.

VENEREAL DISEASES

Number of New Cases in 1972

	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>TOTAL ALL VENEREAL CONDITIONS</u>
Lister Hospital, Hitchin	221	142	363

The return from Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, has been omitted since it refers to the whole of the geographical county of Hertfordshire. These figures, are, therefore, deficient by an unknown number in addition to the deficiencies caused by the treatment of patients from this area in London and elsewhere.

CERVICAL CYTOLOGY - NORTH HERTS - 1972

CLINICS	No. of First Attendances	No. of Subsequent Attendances	% of Pop. at risk attending	Negative	Further Investigation Recommended	Results of Tests with Inflammation				Other Findings
						Non-Specific	Trichomonas	Candida	Viral	
HITCHIN	205	342	i) 3 ii) 4	468	-	218	11	23	-	-
LETCHWORTH	56	166	i) 3 ii) 3	195	1	117	4	1	-	2
STEVENAGE	419	421	i) 8 ii) 11	849	6	354	30	24	1	-
ROYSTON	40	55	i) 0.53 ii) 2	95	-	94	-	1	7	7

CYTOLOGY CLINIC

"WELL WOMAN" CLINIC - JANUARY 1972

Hitchin	-	Every Wednesday a.m.
Letchworth	-	1st and 3rd Tuesdays a.m.
Stevenage	-	Thursday a.m. and Friday p.m.
Royston		Every third Wednesday in the month a.m.

From a total of 720 no positives were discovered.

Cervical Cytology continued:

- i) Aged 20 and over
- ii) Aged 30 and over

Population at Risk Women (Sample Census 1966 - estimated error 1.6 per cent deficient).

Baldock U.D.	i) 2,080	Royston U.D.	i) 2,260
	ii) 1,740		ii) 1,860
Hitchin U.D.	i) 9,540	Stevenage U.D.	i) 16,200
	ii) 7,900		ii) 12,350
Letchworth U.D.	i) 9,480	Hitchin R.D.	i) 8,560
	ii) 7,950		ii) 7,200
TOTAL AT RISK		i) 48,120	
		ii) 39,000	

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 - SECTION 47

This section of the Act is concerned with the compulsory removal of persons in need of care from their homes on a Court Order, or in emergency on an Order signed by two medical practitioners and a Justice of the Peace. Such a person may be removed to a county home or hospital provided that all sections of the Act are satisfied.

Such action was not necessary during 1972.

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

TABLE I STEVENAGE U.D.

Inspection of School Children 1972

Entrants	1880
Secondary selective and consultative	439
Number of special inspections	232
Number of re-inspections	1664

Physical condition of Pupils inspected

Satisfactory	3215
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TABLE II

B.C.G. Vaccination - 11 years and absentees from other sessions

Number of children offered testing and vaccination if necessary	1829
Number of acceptances	1777
Percentage of acceptances	97.1

Pre-Vaccination Tuberculin Test:

Number tested	1586
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Result of Test:

Number positive	69	39 Children already known to have received B.C.G. Vaccination
Number negative	1454	
Number not ascertained	63	
Percentage positive	4.3%	
Percentage negative	95.7	
Number vaccinated	1413	

The Consultant Paediatrician for the area, Dr. C.G. Fagg, is always available for consultation and I am indebted to him for his help during the year.

I would also acknowledge the help and co-operation from Dr. C. Firth - Consultant Geriatrician - and Dr. B. Mallett - Consultant Psychiatrist.

Dr. Roper has played a large part in the School Health Service and I am grateful to her also.

HOSPITAL SERVICES

The hospital services for the area are administered by the North West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board with the Luton and Hitchin Hospital Management Committee. Addenbrooke's Hospital is administered by the United Cambridge Hospitals.

GENERAL HOSPITAL SERVICES

North Hertfordshire Hospital, Hitchin

Lister Hospital, Hitchin

Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge

MENTAL HOSPITAL

Fairfield Hospital, Stotfold.

MATERNITY HOSPITAL SERVICES

North Hertfordshire Maternity Unit, Hitchin

CHEST CLINIC

Lister Hospital, Hitchin

LABORATORY SERVICES

Dr. A.T. Willis, Director, Public Health Laboratory, Luton and Dunstable Hospital, Lewsey Road, Luton, Beds.

Dr. G.R.E. Maylor, Director, Public Health Laboratory, Tennis Court Road Cambridge.

SECTION CSANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA(i) Water Supply

The Lee Valley Water Company is the water undertaking for the area and an adequate supply of water is maintained.

Apart from a small bulk supply of water taken from the Watton Road pumping station at Knebworth, the Town's water supply is obtained from boreholes at Whitehall pumping station which is situated just outside the Urban District boundaries, and from Broomin Green pumping station within the Town of Stevenage.

In addition, there are boreholes at Rooks Nest within the Town of Stevenage, but this source is not at present used for public supply.

The water from the pumping stations is subjected to chlorination, de-chlorination and aeration before going to supply.

Regular chemical analysis and bacteriological examination of the water supplied to Stevenage is made by the Water Authority and the results are forwarded to the Council. The number of water samples examined during the year were as follows, and all the treated samples were satisfactory in quality.

	Raw Water 1972	Water in Supply 1972
Chemical	14	14
Bacteriological	156	424

Routine tests were made throughout the year on the distributive system and on examination the fluoride content was found in all cases to be less than 0.2 parts per million. The water showed no indication of plumbo-solvency.

In addition, your Public Health Inspectors regularly sample water at domestic and business premises and these are submitted to the Public Health Laboratory, Luton, for bacteriological examination. During the year 62 such samples were taken and all proved satisfactory.

The Swimming Bath waters are regularly sampled for bacteriological examination (16) and chemical analysis (6) and a satisfactory standard has been maintained throughout the year.

(ii) Sewage Disposal

All main foul water drainage is dealt with at the Ryemead Sewage Works, Stanstead Abbots, Nr. Ware. 59 properties remain connected to cesspools or septic tank installations and these will further decrease as extensions of the main sewerage systems take place with the development of the Town

(iii) Refuse Collection

The Public Cleansing Service is controlled by the Council's Surveyor. The refuse is transported to Bulls Mill, Stapleford, where it is disposed of by controlled tipping.

In addition to the normal household refuse collection, the Council operate a Trade Refuse and Junk Collection Service.

(iv) Common Lodging Houses

There are no common lodging houses in Stevenage.

(v) Rodent Control

The public continue to co-operate by reporting evidence of rodent infestations and I am pleased to record that at all times the situation in Stevenage has been kept well in hand. All complaints are normally investigated within 24 hours of reporting.

Details of Rodent Control work carried out during the year are as follows:

Total inspections	7,612
No. of infested properties found	1,599
No. of infested properties treated	1,599
Complaints received	537

The annual test baiting of the sewers revealed no infestations.

(vi) Open Air Market

The Council operate an Open Air Market in the Town Centre on Fridays and Saturdays. No open food, other than fruit or vegetables, is permitted to be sold from the stalls but fish, shell fish, ice cream and refreshments may be obtained from mobile shops, which trade from the Market.

The Market is administered by the Public Health Department and complies with the provisions of the Food Hygiene (Market Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations, 1966.

Proposed Covered Market

During the year plans were finalised for the provision of a new under cover Market which will be open on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, of each week. The Market will contain 119 stalls and a small self-service restaurant which will be operated and controlled by the Council.

(vii) Poultry Processing Establishments

(i)	Number of poultry processing premises within the district	..	..	..	1
(ii)	Number of visits to these premises	..	..	..	24
(iii)	Total number of birds processed during the year	..	..	..	20,000
(iv)	Types of birds processed - capons	..	..	..	100
	turkeys	..	..	..	10,000
	hens	..	..	..	9,900
(v)	Percentage of birds rejected as unfit for human consumption	..	..	..	approximately 5% of hens and a negligible number of turkeys.
(vi)	Weight of poultry condemned as unfit for human consumption	..	..	..	1,040 lbs.
(vii)	Comments on poultry hygiene and inspection.				

All the turkeys were reared on the premises, in hygienically satisfactory conditions, the hens were brought from the owner's farm which is situated in another district a short distance away from the poultry processing establishment.

Only 75% of all the birds slaughtered were plucked and eviscerated on the premises; the remaining 25% were plucked on the premises but eviscerated at the point of sale. The standard of hygiene was reasonably satisfactory.

A mechanical slaughtering and plucking plant is used incorporating an electrical stunning knife and no contraventions of the Slaughter of Poultry Act 1967 or the Slaughter of Poultry (Humane Conditions) Regulations 1971 were noted.

Whilst some inspection of poultry in the various retail outlets throughout the Town is carried out by the Public Health Inspectors, routine inspection of poultry at the processing establishment has not proved possible but inspection is carried out by the staff engaged in the evisceration and plucking at the premises.

(viii) Knackers Yard

The licensed Knackers Yard is regularly inspected and is maintained in a satisfactory condition.

SECTION E

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD PREMISES

(i) Milk Supplies

All milk sold in Stevenage is either pasteurised, sterilised or ultra heat treated and there are no bottling plants. Samples of raw milk have, therefore, not been taken.

(ii) The Liquid Egg (Pasteurisation) Regulations, 1963

There are no egg pasteurisation plants in the district and no liquid egg is being used at the local bakehouses.

(iii) Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960

All food premises, which are in the main, of modern construction, satisfy the requirements of the Food Hygiene Regulations, and the hygienic standard maintained is generally good.

Details of the food trades, including those contained in the Supermarkets, are as follows:-

<u>Trade</u>	<u>No. of Premises</u>	<u>No. of Premises fitted to comply with Reg. 18</u>	<u>No. of Premises to which Reg. 21 applies</u>	<u>No. of Premises fitted to comply with Reg. 21</u>
Bakehouses	3	3	3	3
Bakers	11	11	11	11
Butchers	31	31	31	31
Cafes	16	16	16	16
Canteens (including Schools)	90	90	90	90
Confectioners	29	29	-	-
Fishmongers	12	12	12	12
Greengrocers	25	25	13	13
Grocers	43	43	43	43
Guest Houses	4	4	4	4
Hotels	2	2	2	2
Licensed Premises	45	45	45	45

(iv) Registration of Food Premises

(a) Food and Drugs Act, 1955

Premises registered under Section 16 of this Act are as follows:-

Sale of Ice Cream	80
Sale of Preserved Food, etc.	42

(b) Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949/54

There are no registered dairies within the Town. Licences have been granted to 45 dealers, in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations.

(v) Inspection of Registered Food Premises

Regular visits were made to premises registered for the sale of ice cream and the preparation or manufacture of sausages and other food. Those premises selling ice cream, but excluded from registration under the Food and Drugs Act, were also inspected. Details of the ice cream samples taken are given below (Para.viii).

(vi) Disposal of Condemned Food

During the year, apart from meat condemned at the private slaughterhouse, 3 tons 63 lbs. of foodstuffs was condemned at various food premises. All condemned food is removed from the food premises for staining and disposal under supervision at the Council's tip.

(vii) Ice Cream Heat Treatment Regulations

There are no manufacturers of ice cream in Stevenage but a regular check is made of the many ice cream vendors operating within the district and their products are regularly sampled.

(viii) Sampling

The following samples were taken during the year:-

	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
Milk	69	Nil
Ice Cream	73	10

Of the 10 unsatisfactory ice cream samples, 9 were classified as Grade 3 and 1 as Grade 4. Immediate follow-up samples proved satisfactory in all cases.

(ix) Food and Drugs Act, 1955

The Council instituted proceedings in the following 3 instances. Convictions were obtained in each case as follows:-

<u>Food</u>	<u>Contravention</u>	<u>Penalty</u>
Cheese	Mould growth	£60
Mince Pie	Foreign object (metal nail)	£40
Milk	Dirt in bottle	£80

(x) Slaughterhouse and Meat Inspection

There is one privately owned licensed Slaughterhouse in Stevenage and ten persons are licensed to act as slaughtermen.

3,540 animals were slaughtered during the year and 1 ton 3 cwt. 61 lbs of meat was condemned by the Council's Public Health Inspectors as being unfit for human consumption.

Details of animals slaughtered during the year are as follows:-

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
1972	590	2	2,948	-	3,540

Details of the carcasses inspected and condemned during 1972 are given on the following page.

(x) Slaughterhouse and Meat Inspection (Cont'd.)MEAT INSPECTIONCarcases Inspected and Condemned

	Cattle including Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
<u>NUMBER KILLED</u>	590	2	2,948	Nil	Nil
<u>NUMBER INSPECTED</u>	590	2	2,948	Nil	Nil
<u>ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS & CYSTICERCI</u> <u>Whole carcasses condemned</u>	Nil	Nil	2	Nil	Nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	148	Nil	290	Nil	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis & Cysticerci	25.7	Nil	9.9	Nil	Nil
<u>TUBERCULOSIS ONLY</u> <u>Whole carcasses condemned</u>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
<u>CYSTICERCOSIS</u> <u>Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned</u>	4	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Generalised and totally condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

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RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1972 FOR THE URBAN DISTRICT OF
STEVENAGE IN THE COUNTY OF HERTFORD

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

(PART 1)

INSPECTIONS for the purpose of provisions as to health
(including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspect- ions (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	3	11	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) above in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	112	53	-	-
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises)	45	90	-	-
Total:	160	154	-	-

Cases in which defects were found

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1.)	1	1	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2.)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3.)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4.)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (s.6.)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Total:	2	2	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT
OUTWORK (Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of Work (1)	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of Outworkers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending list to the Council (3)	No. of Prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prosecutions (7)
Wearing apparel making, etc.	59	-	-	-	-	-
Leather Goods	1	-	-	-	-	-
Total:	60	-	-	-	-	-

SECTION "F"

PREVENTION AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS & OTHER DISEASES.

Infectious Diseases (Corrected) Stevenage - Age Distribution.

Diseases	Total cases notified	Cases after correction	Under 1 year	1	2	3	4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65 & over	Age unknown
Whooping Cough	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	134	-	7	21	17	23	23	37	1	3	2	-	-	-
Dysentery	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	10	-	-	-	-	-	3	6	1	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	148	-	9	21	17	23	26	45	2	3	2	-	-	-

STEVENAGE U.D.C. - TUBERCULOSIS.

No. on Register at 31st December, 1972

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Pulmonary	168	145	313
Non-Pulmonary	14	17	31
	<u>182</u>	<u>162</u>	<u>344</u>

No. removed from Register during 1972

	<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	
Deaths	-	-	-	-	-
Other (cured, re-diagnosed, transfers of area, etc.)	4	-	-	-	4
	<u>4</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4</u>

Additions to Register during 1972

	<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	
New Notifications	48	-	1	-	5
Other (cases restored to Register, transfers, etc.)	4	-	-	-	4
	<u>8</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9</u>

